

# PROTEST OVER BAN ON AIRCRAFT

## Zone for safety

Light plane owners and airlines will protest against the "Amberley curtain" — a controlled R.A.A.F. flying zone that is costing them thousands of pounds a year.

All non-military aircraft flying between Brisbane and the west must divert to avoid the banned R.A.A.F. area. They must "dog-leg" round Esk or south of Harrisville and Rosevale.

Officials yesterday said the "Amberley curtain" was costing Queensland Airlines an extra £2900 a year in additional flying time.

Adding £8 to every Brisbane-Toowoomba light-plane charter, which should cost only £13. Forcing aircraft to fly unnecessarily over "tiger country" where a forced landing was impossible.

### A barrier

The Royal Queensland Aero Club manager (Mr. A. S. Luckman) said: "This controlled zone completely blocks all direct flights between Brisbane and the West."

"It is a tremendous barrier to a big section of the State's private flying apart from the hazard it imposes."

"If the R.A.A.F. must build its air base alongside a city like Brisbane, it should be prepared to share the air space."

An airlines official

said the R.A.A.F. some time ago had agreed to relax the "Amberley curtain," but failed to honour its promise.

The Civil Aviation Department's regional director (Mr. R. M. Seymour) said: "The R.A.A.F. is operating aircraft whose speeds do not allow the separation we can manage with civil aircraft."

"We recognise it causes inconvenience, it's either inconvenience and safety, or convenience and danger."

## Man's death after smash

COFFS HARBOUR. — Peter Bailey, 20, a P.M.G. employee, of Timmsvale, died in Coffs Harbour District Hospital yesterday.

Bailey received internal and head injuries, bruising, and shock when his car plunged 100 feet down a steep embankment on the Coffs Harbour to Timmsvale road late on Friday night. Bailey was thrown from the car 30 yards down the embankment.

The accident happened near Ulong, 23 miles north-west of Coffs Harbour, in the eastern Dorrigo mountains.

## ALMOST READY



TWELVE FLOORS up, painters Arthur Scheller (left) and George Mussen put finishing touches to a balcony on Torbreck apartment block.

## Torbreck owners to go in—army style

Fifteen families will be marched into their new 13-storey home with all the precision of a military manoeuvre in Brisbane this week.

"Operation Big Shift" will start at 8 a.m. on Thursday.

Then, the first huge pantechinon will roll up Dornoch Terrace to the £1-million Torbreck apartment buildings tower block. A former Air Force second lieutenant and leading hand on the project, 6ft-tall Dutchman Adrian Vanzet will marshal the families and furniture into their units on a split-second schedule.

Five families will move in on Thursday at one-and-a-half hour intervals, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The other 10 families will follow on the same tight schedule on Friday and Saturday.

### Timing vital

"The timing is virtually important," one official said at Torbreck yesterday. "One late arrival would upset everything." Key personnel from Reid

inquired about taking up grand pianos, and have been told they can be dismantled into three pieces and taken up by lift.

The unit-owners will be moving into floors 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Workmen are putting the finishing touches to many units, and the cleaners are moving in.

### Built-in

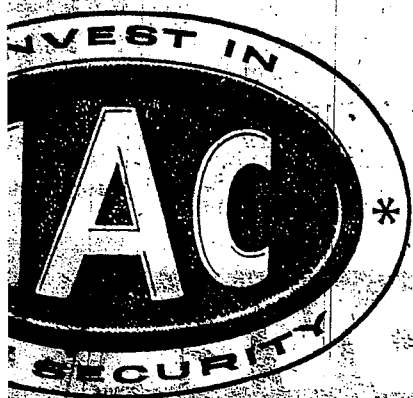
Standard equipment in the units are built-in, kitchen cupboards and wardrobes, gas, or electric stoves, sinks, and kitchen serveries.

Unit owners will have to move in beds, lounge suites, tables and chairs, and other furniture.

Workmen will be a familiar sight to them around the corridors, and in the grounds for several weeks to come.

Final work on the tower block was not expected to be completed before the end of February, a building official said on the

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